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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY

THE FUNCTION OF MONITORING OF PRESS AND
PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS OF FOREIGN POWERS

Report by the Director of Central Intelligence
with the unanimous concurrence of the
Intelligence Advisory Board

1. During the war, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) con-
ducted a [REDACTED], which monitored
press and propaganda broadcasts of foreign powers. The FCC was in pro-
cess of liquidating this agency when its functions were taken over by
the War Department on an interim basis on 30 December 1945. The War
Department requested that the Director of Central Intelligence assume
responsibility for the proper disposition of the former [REDACTED] function.
An ad hoc committee was appointed by C.I.G. action to make this study.
Their report has been submitted to the Director of Central Intelligence
and the Intelligence Advisory Board.

2. After consideration of all evidence submitted in the case, the
Director of Central Intelligence concludes: that the function of
monitoring press and propaganda broadcasts of foreign powers is
necessary; that the present organization performing this function under
control of the War Department should be liquidated and supplanted by a
new organization better adapted to serve the needs of authorized intelli-
gence agencies; and that the operation of the required monitoring system
can be most efficiently performed by the War Department under directives
as to collection and distribution to be issued by the Director of Central
Intelligence.

3. The enclosed draft N.I.A. Directive has been prepared to provide
the means for carrying out the recommendations based upon the above
conclusions. It has been unanimously concurred in by the Director of
Central Intelligence and the Intelligence Advisory Board, which
included the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a member
for consideration of this matter.

4. It is recommended that the National Intelligence Authority approve
the draft directive in Enclosure "C".